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In re Application of

KADNER et al.

Group Art Unit: 1754

Appln. No. 08/958,865

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For: THE PROCESS FOR PRODUCING ALUMINUM OXIDE BEADS

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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Kindly amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 28-33, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add the following claims:

34. A process for producing substantially spherical aluminum oxide beads,
comprising the steps of:

(a) passing an acidic sol based on aluminum oxide or an acidic suspension
based on aluminum oxide having a viscosity of 10 to 500 mPa's through a vibrating
annular nozzle plate so as to form falling hydrosol droplets,

wherein the nozzle plate is vibrated at a frequency of 10 Hz to 20,000 Hz, and

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